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PREFATORY NOTE

The prevailing high prices of commodities and the consequent high cost of living have been the subject of widespread discussion in this and other countries. This list attempts to direct attention to the literature of the subject contained in the Library of Congress. Matter relating to conditions in the United States has received the first consideration, but all the more important foreign countries are represented.

In arranging the material, general discussions have been placed at the beginning and some attempt has been made to separate discussions on the Cost of living from those relating more strictly to Prices. As a comparative treatment of prices is hardly practicable without the use of Index Numbers, references to the latter have been included in this section. Most treatises on political economy devote some space to prices and index numbers, but references to these have not as a rule been included in the list. To the reader desiring an elementary discussion of prices or exchange values the following are suggested: J. B. Clark, Essentials of economic theory, chap. vi, vii; R. T. Ely, Outline of economics, rev. ed., chap. xi, xii; A. S. Johnson, Intro-

duction to economics, chap. II, III, IV, XV; J. L. Laughlin, Elements of political economy, Book 2, and chap. XXIII; J. S. Mill, Principles of political economy, Book 3; J. S. Nicholson, Principles of political economy, v. 2, bk. 3, consult index of v. 1 and 3; H. R. Seager, Introduction to economics, 3d ed., chap. v, xv, xvI; E. R. A. Seligman,

ences on this subject at the head of the chapter will furnish enough material for all except specialists. For extended research see Kemmerer, Laughlin, and Walsh.

References relating to the United States are placed immediately after the general discussions and then follows in alphabetical order the material relating specifically to foreign countries, the references on

a lucid description of Index numbers and the brief select list of refer-

Principles of economics, 1909, Book 4, chap. xxvIII.

the cost of living being in each case separated from those on prices.

The influence of the increased gold supply of the world on prices has occupied a large space in the discussions, and the last section of the list is devoted to references on Gold in relation to prices.

Just as Prices imply Index numbers so discussions of the Cost of living imply Family budgets. These are both brought out in the subject index, which also affords a clue to material on certain important

The last includes

commodities and such special aspects of the subject as the History of prices, Purchasing power of Money, Standard of living, Tariff and prices, Theory of prices, and Trusts and prices.

In the case of certain serials only the last volumes of sets are noted. The subject of this list has been under investigation by a Select committee of the United States Senate on wages and prices of commodities. A report of the Committee is to be published shortly. The General Court of Massachusetts has also appointed a Commission on the cost of living. This report also will be printed in full. An abstract from it has been issued as a Senate document. It was received too late for insertion in its proper place in the list and is therefore entered here:

Massachusetts. General court. Report of the Massachusetts commission on the high cost of living. May 6, 1910. 13 pp. 8°. (U. S., 61st Congress, 2d session. Senate doc. no. 523.)

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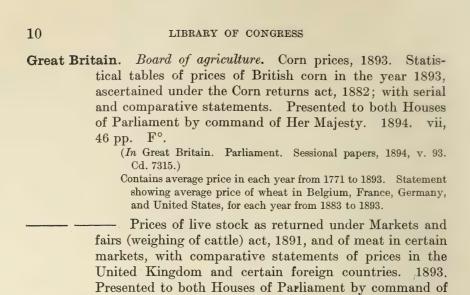
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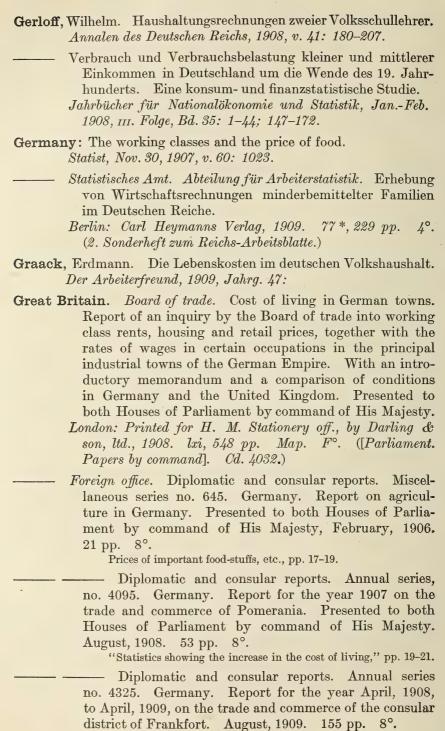
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